

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of determining the presence of said diagnostic marker, Snail, is carried out by using specific anti-Snail antibodies generated from Snail protein.
20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of determining the presence of said diagnostic marker, Snail, is carried out by *in situ* hybridization for a generic precursor of said diagnostic marker.
21. The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of determining the presence of said diagnostic marker, Snail, is carried out by RT-PCR for a generic precursor of said diagnostic marker, based on extraction of RNA polyA+ of tumour samples and control tissue and the amplification of encoding sequences for said diagnostic marker using appropriate amplimer.

Cancel claims 2 through 5.

**REMARKS**

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